



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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Masses

August 29th & 30th 2020

Saturday 29th	8.00 pm	Mary Ruane (Month's Mind)	Straide
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Denny Canning	Ballyvary / Ballylahan
Monday 31st	10.00 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am	Private Intention	
Wednesday 2nd	7.00 pm*	Private Intention	
Thursday 3rd	10.00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 4th	10.00 am	Private Intention – First Friday	
Saturday 5th	8.00 pm	Annie and William O'Donnell & daughter Maureen Barnicle Grallagh	
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Eamon & Agnes McNicholas	Tavna

*Please note - the later time of Mass on Wednesday.

Thursday, September 3rd - is the first Thursday of the month. Fr. Martin is available to visit the sick and the housebound on that day. Please advise if you would like a visit.

Church Live Stream – is now operational. All Masses are available to be viewed live online - www.straideparish.com.

Harvest Collection – will be taken up at Masses this weekend. An envelope is provided in the box of Offertory Envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available for those who do not use the regular envelope system. Donations can also be made safely, securely and conveniently online through the parish website – www.straideparish.com.

Ticket Only Admission - We remain confined to 50 max at both Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Thus, we continue to admit by ticket only. Tickets for either Mass can be picked up from the Church the previous weekend and during the week. Our ticket system will remain in place until restrictions are eased / lifted.

Ordination of our new Bishop - Fr. Paul Dempsey will be ordained Bishop of the Diocese of Achonry in the Cathedral of St. Nathy and the Assumption, Ballaghaderreen on Sunday 30th August a 3 pm. We keep Fr. Paul in our prayers and welcome him to our Diocese. Numbers attending will be very limited. The Ceremony may be viewed on the Diocesan website: www.achonrydiocese.org

New Online "Offertory Collection" Donation Facility – You can now make your Offertory Donation simply, conveniently and securely online at our parish website – straideparish.com. Many thanks to those who have already started to avail of this new facility. The feedback has been very positive and very encouraging. Thank you for your ongoing generosity & support. This facility, like the web cam, has been introduced for the convenience of parishioners

Grandparents Pilgrimage, Knock Shrine 2020 - The 2020 pilgrimage is on Sunday 13th of September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock taking place virtually at 3pm at Knock Basilica. Please join us online - knockshrine.ie/watch

Western Care Association's Annual Door to Door Collection is now going online during the month of September. To donate, please find us on Facebook "Western Care Association" or go to www.idonate.ie/wcador or find the links on our website www.westerncare.com. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate in any other way, we would be delighted to hear from you, please contact Teresa Ward on 094 90 29174 or 087 246 7857 or email: tward@westerncare.com. Thank you for your support.

School - Our thoughts and good wishes are with the Staff of our Primary School as they work diligently to have the school ready for pupils for the new school year. We wish all students and staff a pleasant, safe and healthy new school year. For our First Holy Communion children, it is hoped that you will receive your First Holy Communion on Saturday, September 19th. More details will follow shortly.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, 0818 222 024

Wearing face coverings / masks indoors – is now mandatory. For those who forget to bring a face covering, you can get one at the back of the Church (while stocks last). Please put the cost (€1) into the Offertory Box.

Moy Davitt's News - Congratulations to John O'Brien, Kiltimagh on winning €366 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

Altar Society for September – Nora McNicholas & Marian McHale

Thought for the Day: Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing. God alone suffices (St. Teresa of Avila).

Newsletter: Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email pp@straideparish.com.

Additional News Items - are included in the online Newsletter on www.straideparish.com

Counselling Course – a one year part-time course in Counselling in the Newman Institute in Ballina will begin 8th October at 7pm until 10pm and will run for 26 Thursday nights until 20th May 2021. There are also two Saturdays from 10am to 5pm to attend. Some people complete the course as a first step to train as a counsellor while others participate for their own self development or to assist them to cope better in their workplace or family life. The cost of the course is €1,200 and this can be paid in instalments. There is a deposit of €100 required to secure a place on the course. Please email reception@newman.ie for enquiries or phone 096 72066 for further details

Many thanks - to all for your co-operation during these changed (and often challenging) times. It is now more important than ever that we reinforce the measures already in place for the safety of all who attend Church. They are as follows:

- Social distancing must be practiced outside the Church (as you wait for entry into the Church and as you come from and return to your car).
- Social distancing must also be observed at all times within the Church – *please remember to keep two metres apart from anyone who is not a member of your household.*
- Use the sanitisers provided as you enter the church and as you exit.
- It is now obligatory to wear face coverings indoors.
- As the maximum number that can attend Mass remains at 50, a “*Ticket*” system is in operation. Tickets for the following weekend can be picked up at the back of the Church from the previous weekend and during the preceding days (on a first come basis). If a *Ticket* is handled, please do not return it to the box. Bring it home.
- All Masses are livestreamed from the parish website for the benefit of those who can not attend.
- A household may occupy a pew. Two couples / two individuals may sit at either ends of a pew.
- Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand (only) to those who wish to receive. It will take place at the end of Mass as people are leaving the Church.
- People must exit the Church (pew by pew) through the side door after receiving Communion, or by the main entrance if not receiving Communion – social distancing at all times.
- Offertory Collection Boxes will be left inside the entrance to the Church and at the exit. They will not be passed around during Mass. This does not mean there is “*no Offertory Collection*”!
- Offertory donations can also be made safely, securely and conveniently online at www.straideparish.com
- Newsletters are available as usual but, if handled, they must be brought home – not left on the seat or returned.
- The Church will be sanitised after each daily Mass and deep cleaned after each weekend Mass.
- For weekday Mass, parishioners are asked to indicate where they sat, by leaving an indicator flyer at their seat
- Church CCTV footage will be used for contact tracing, if required, in the event of a positive case emerging.

A thought on how we should receive Holy Communion - Writing in the fourth century, St Cyril of Jerusalem has this to say: ‘*When you approach the altar, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the right hand into a throne for the left which will receive the King, and then cup your open hand and take the Body of Christ, reciting Amen.*’ It’s a lovely image of the hand being a throne for the King, the risen Lord Jesus, with whom we quite literally connect when we come to this sacrament.

IF YOU NEED HELP

Many parishioners have volunteered to help those who may not be able to shop, collect medicines, go to the Post Office etc. during this Coronavirus outbreak. If, at any time, you need help with these chores call me on (094) 9031029 and I will liaise with the many volunteers within the community who are very happy to help out.

Keep safe, keep healthy and, at all times, follow HSE / Government guidelines. Say a prayer, too, for all who have caught the virus and for all medical staff, carers and volunteers who are working so very hard at this time. (Fr. Martin)

St. Vincent de Paul (Foxford) – can provide help for those in Straide who may be in need of food or fuel. Contact (085) 8887777

Are you finding it difficult to cope - with life's problems? Perhaps GROW can help you. GROW is a free confidential support group, promoting positive mental health using a 12 step program. Meetings run weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Ballina Community centre. For further information on GROW or other GROW meetings across Co Mayo, you can contact Emily at 086 4183543, www.grow.ie or the GROW information line 1890 474 474

Pope Francis Prayer of Protection Against Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Human Race, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test -
– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Genealogy – Are you interested in tracing your ancestors or have a relative overseas who would like to trace their roots? The North Mayo Heritage Centre, Crossmolina can help. Gift vouchers also available. Contact (096) 31809.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2020 - Fri. 25th / Sat. 26 Sept.; Fri. 30th / Sat. 31 Oct.; Fri. 27th / Sat. 28 Nov. Courses are held in McWilliam Park Hotel, delivered by ACCORD Charlestown Centre. Best to book online at www.accord.ie and there to see all the dates being offered by Castlebar, Ballina, Sligo & Roscommon ACCORD Centres

CCTV – operates 24 / 7 within the Church and in the Church car park. The parish policy concerning CCTV can be found on the parish website (www.straideparish.com) – as can all parish policies.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – has implications for parishes, one being that we can no longer publish names of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society or Collectors in Newsletters / Website without written permission. We hope to phase the regulations in throughout 2019. Forms are available on the altar rails. Please bring one home, fill in and return to the Church.

Knock Counselling Service – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

Accord Counselling - Challenging times can be rough on relationships. When it comes to protecting your most precious investment (your marriage), talk to ACCORD. Our services, based on your needs, not your ability to pay, can help you get the most from your marriage. Morning and evening appointments are available. Office hours are from 10 am to 1pm Monday to Friday, contact (094) 92 54944 or Lo-call 1850 201 878 or email accordcharlestown@gmail.com.